

1. (amended) An assaying device for depositing and analyzing a sample, comprising[of]:

a. a cartridge/cassette means which contains [the] a test strip, a window for viewing [the] test results and a well/opening ^{but in the same plane} separate from the window, having a top and serving for deposit of the sample; and

a5 b. a cap/cover means for sealing the top of the sample well/opening in a fluid tight relationship following deposit of the sample.

Cancel claims 2-7 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

8. (amended) A drug screening device for depositing and analyzing a urine sample, comprising[of]:

a6 a. a cartridge/cassette means which contains [the] a drug test strip, a window for viewing [the] test results and a well/opening separate from the window, having a top and serving for deposit of the urine sample; and

b. a cap/cover means for sealing the top of the sample well/opening in a fluid tight relationship following deposit of the sample.

Cancel claims 9-22 without prejudice/or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

a7 23. (amended) A method of [securing the top of the sample well of] using an assaying [test] device [in a fluid tight relationship] as claimed in claim 1, comprising the steps of: depositing the [test] sample into the [sample] well/opening[of the cartridge/cassette]; and attaching [a] the cap/cover means to cover and seal the top of the [sample] well/opening in a fluid tight relationship.

Add claims 24-41 as follows:

24. An assaying device as claimed in claim 1, the well/opening extending from its top into the cartridge/cassette means to surround a space for reception of sample.

25. An assaying device as claimed in claim 24, the space being empty.

26. An assaying device as claimed in claim 25, the cap/cover means when sealing the top of the sample well/opening transforming said space into a chamber for retention of sample.

27. An assaying device as claimed in claim 1, the well/opening being situated on a broad, lateral face of the cartridge/cassette means.

28. An assaying device as claimed in claim 27, the cap/cover means when sealing the top of the sample well/opening passing around the cartridge/cassette means, in order to hold the cap/cover means in a fluid tight relationship against the top of the sample well/opening.

29. An assaying device as claimed in claim 28, the cap/cover means when sealing the top of the sample well/opening completely encircling the cartridge/cassette means, in order to hold the cap/cover means in a fluid tight relationship against the top of the sample well/opening.

30. An assaying device as claimed in claim 27, the well/opening extending from its top into the cartridge/cassette means to surround a space for reception of sample.

31. An assaying device as claimed in claim 30, the space being empty.

32. An assaying device as claimed in claim 31, the cap/cover means when sealing the top of the sample well/opening transforming said space into a chamber for retention of sample.

33. An assaying device as claimed in claim 32, the cap/cover means when sealing the top of the sample well/opening passing around the cartridge/cassette means, in order to hold the cap/cover means in a fluid tight relationship against the top of the sample well/opening.

34. An assaying device as claimed in claim 33, the cap/cover means when sealing the top of the sample well/opening completely encircling the cartridge/cassette means, in order to hold the cap/cover means in a fluid tight relationship against the top of the sample well/opening.

35. An assaying device as claimed in claim 1, the cartridge/cassette means containing a second test strip, a second window for viewing test results and a second well/opening having a top and serving for deposit of the sample, whereby there are two well/openings whose tops are sealed by the cap/cover means in a fluid tight relationship following deposit of the sample.

36. An assaying device as claimed in claim 35, said two well/openings being connected by a channel.

28 37. An assaying device as claimed in claim 1, the cartridge/cassette means having a raised edge and the cap/cover means having indentations, the raised edge and the indentations, when snapped together, insuring the attachment of the cartridge/cassette means with the cap/cover means.

38. An assaying device as claimed in claim 1, the cartridge/cassette means having an indentation and the cap/cover means having a raised button, the indentation and button, when snapped together, insuring the attachment of the cartridge/cassette means with the cap/cover means.

39. A method of using an assaying device as claimed in claim 31, comprising the steps of: dropping the sample in the form of urine into the well/opening; and attaching the cap/cover means to cover and seal the top of the well/opening in a fluid tight relationship.

40. A method as claimed in claim 39, wherein the dropping is done from a pipette.